

# Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

**Date:** May 14, 2013

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** Graffiti Abatement Services

#### **Recommendation:**

Authorize appropriate City officials to negotiate and enter into contracts with two companies, Sani-Masters, Inc. and MJV Services, not to exceed \$250,000 each for a three year period for services for the abatement of graffiti that cannot be successfully abated by the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling staff. No additional appropriation is required.

### **Previous Directives:**

- March 19, 2013 Solid Waste and Recycling was authorized to issue a Request for Proposals for the abatement of graffiti that cannot be successfully abated by the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling staff.
- April 16, 2010 City Council approved two (2), three (3) year, \$250,000 contracts with two vendors, Mobile Washers and Sani-Masters, Inc., to provide Graffiti Abatement Services. On January 28, 2012 the Mobile Washer contract was terminated. The Sani-Masters, Inc. contract has remained in good standing but will expire on May 25, 2013.

#### **Department Information:**

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#### **Financial Impact**

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

## **Community Impact**

 City Goals: A Safe Place to Call Home: Guns, Gangs, Graffiti Gone

## **Supporting Information**

The Division of Solid Waste and Recycling (SW & R) is responsible for tracking, abating and enforcing the abatement of graffiti in the City of Minneapolis. Graffiti reported to SW & R, through Minneapolis 311 or by alternate means is photographed and categorized as to type (gang, tagger, snipe, etc.), surface (sensitive such as unpainted wood, brick or stucco or non-sensitive such as painted wood, metal or concrete), distance from ground (grade to eight feet, nine to 18 feet, and exceeding 18 feet) and owner (commercial, residential, Hennepin County, etc.).

City crews do not have equipment or training to abate graffiti from elevated locations such as grain elevators, billboards, or towers. The City does not have access to the latest technology for abatement of graffiti from certain sensitive surfaces without damage to the surfaces, or for abatement of graffiti at low temperatures.

The City received two responses to its Request for Proposals. Each of these companies will be assigned work that cannot be successfully abated by Solid Waste and Recycling staff based on their expertise, workload and expected response times. It is anticipated that the total contract amount for each firm will be \$250,000 for a three (3) year term, in line with previous contract amounts.